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Cochran House
Chestertown Road, Galena
c. 1846

The Cochran House had sufficient evidence of antiquity to be included in the first years of photographic documentation by the Historic American Building Survey in the 1930's. At the time, there were at least three similar buildings in Galena, but only one (the Orlando Sutton House) remains, and it has been altered considerably in the last 60 years.

An early deed (1846) described the property as a one acre part of Mount Airey. In this deed from Mary Turner to William A. Miller, the one acre parcel was transferred for a consideration of \$100.00.¹ The purchase price is too little to indicate the existence of a dwelling on the property at the time. Miller owned the property for the next 50 years.

Probably soon after 1846 the house was built. Facing the street, it was a one-and-a-half-story dwelling. It stood on brick piers, later filled in with boards, and contained two gable-end chimneys with lower sections exposed. A third chimney was located on the back of the leanto kitchen. In form and plan (hall-parlor), it was nearly identical to the John Russell House in Chestertown, but was devoid of any suggestion of style. It was a vernacular structure in the true sense of the word. On the 1877 Atlas, the house is shown with an "L" plan, suggesting the leanto extended only behind the eastern half of the structure.

In 1896, the property was offered for sale at the door of the Hotel of Jeremiah Peacock, but there were no bidders.² In 1901, it was sold for

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\$225.00 to William Steele,³ who turned it over immediately for \$100 profit.⁴

Between 1901 and 1919, the property was owned by Verna Nickerson who married John Bottomly. At the time that HABS recorded the house, Keith and Nellie Cochran owned the house (1919-1939).⁵ Since that time there have been five owners of the property. It was removed from the property in 1969.

1. Land Records, Lib. JNG 11, fol. 240.
2. Land Records, Lib. JTD 5, fol. 250.
3. Land Records, Lib. JTD 5, fol. 249.
4. Land Records, Lib. JTD 5, fol. 250.
5. Land Records, Lib. APR 5, fol. 167, 168.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. K-533

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Turner property

and/or common Cochran House

2. Location

street & number Rt. 213, South ☐ not for publication

city, town Galena ☐ vicinity of 1st congressional district

state Maryland county Kent

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George E. and Karen McLaughlin

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Galena state and zip code MD 21635

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse liber EHP259

street & number Cross Street folio 297

city, town Chestertown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historical American Building Survey

date c 1930 ☒ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Library of Congress

city, town Washington state DC

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☒ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

On the north side of Rt. 213 west of the crossroads at Galena is a vacant lot west of the property of the late Frank Ruth. On this site was a small frame dwelling that was photographed in the 1930's for the Historic American Building Survey. The house was at the time owned and occupied by Keith and Nellie Cochran. The house was removed around 1969.

In form the house was similar to the the Stephens house, a derelict dwelling which stood across the street and was also photographed for HABS at the same time. The Cochran house was a four-bay-long, 1 1/2 story frame dwelling constructed on piers and filled in with boards. The facade was distinguished by a small frame leanto porch containing built-in benches on either side. The entry and porch occupied the second bay from the east. Windows on the facade had 6/6sash and paneled shutters. Two A roof dormers lite the second story space. The east gable had two windows flanking the chimney, which had a portion of brick exposed corresponding to the brick of the firebox.

On the back of at least the eastern side of the dwelling was a leanto with brick chimney on its north side, a feature that resembles the leanto of the Davis Tenements in Chestertown. A smaller leanto on the gable, with lattice enclosure was probably a well head.

With two windows on the east gable it is probable that the stair was located in the west room.

On the 1877 Atlas, Galena Map, the house appears to be "L" shaped, suggesting the leanto was only on the east side.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	unknown	Builder/Architect	unknown
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
and/or			
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Apparently the Cochran house had a rare enough form in the 1930's to be included in a photo documentary for the first years of the Historic American Building Survey. Indeed, there is only one building remaining in Galena with a similar form, although it has been altered considerably since the 1930's.

The earliest deed found so far for the property, which is part of the Mount Airey tract, was recorded in 1846 when Mary Turner, widow of William Turner, sold the one acre property to William A. Miller for \$100. For that amount of money it probably did not have the house built thereon. For the next 50 years the property was owned Miller and is thus represented on both the 1860 Martinet Map and the 1877 Atlas.

In 1896 it was offered for sale at the door of the Hotel of Jeremiah Pearson, but there were no bidders. In 1901 it was sold for \$225 to William Steel, who turned it over immediately for a \$100.00 profit.

Between 1901 and 1919 the property was owned by Verna Nickerson who married John Bottomley. As mentioned above, the Cochrans owned the house between 1919 and 1939. Since that time there have been five owners of the property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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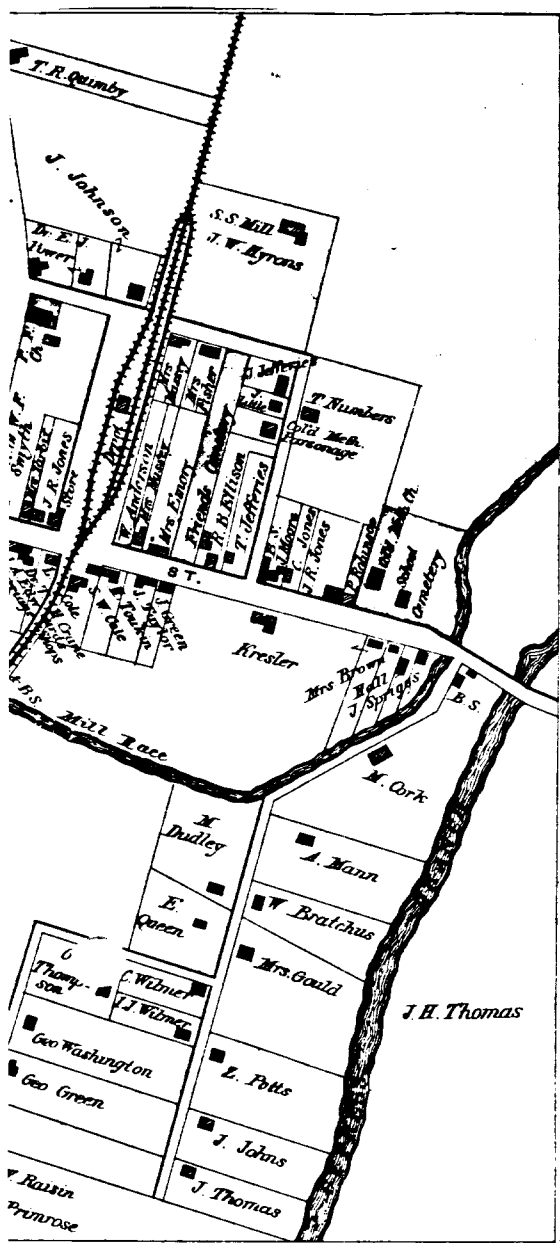
city or town Chestertown state Maryland

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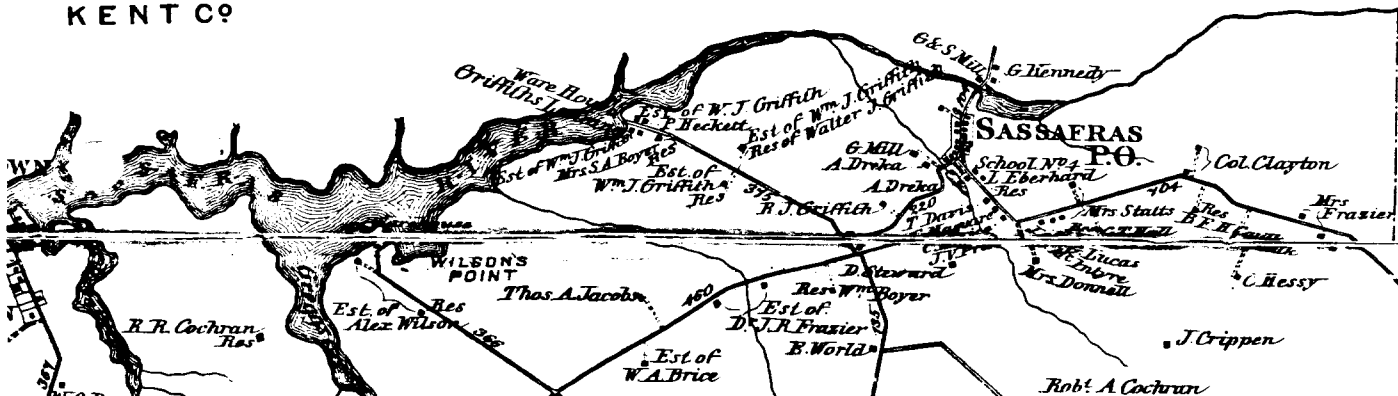
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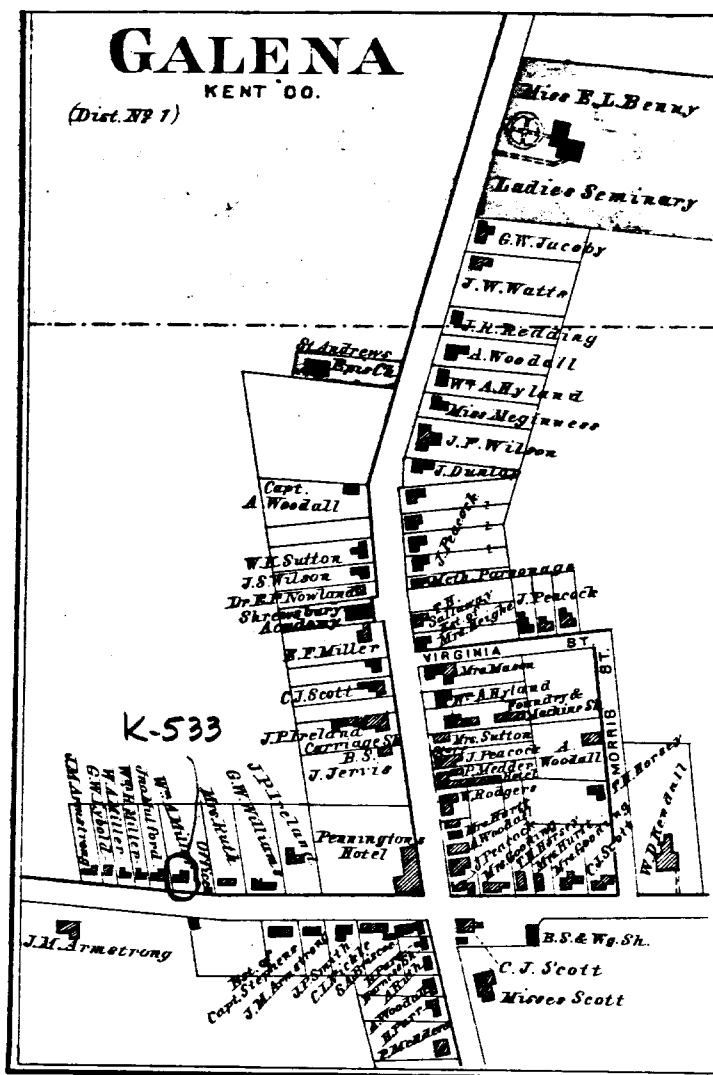
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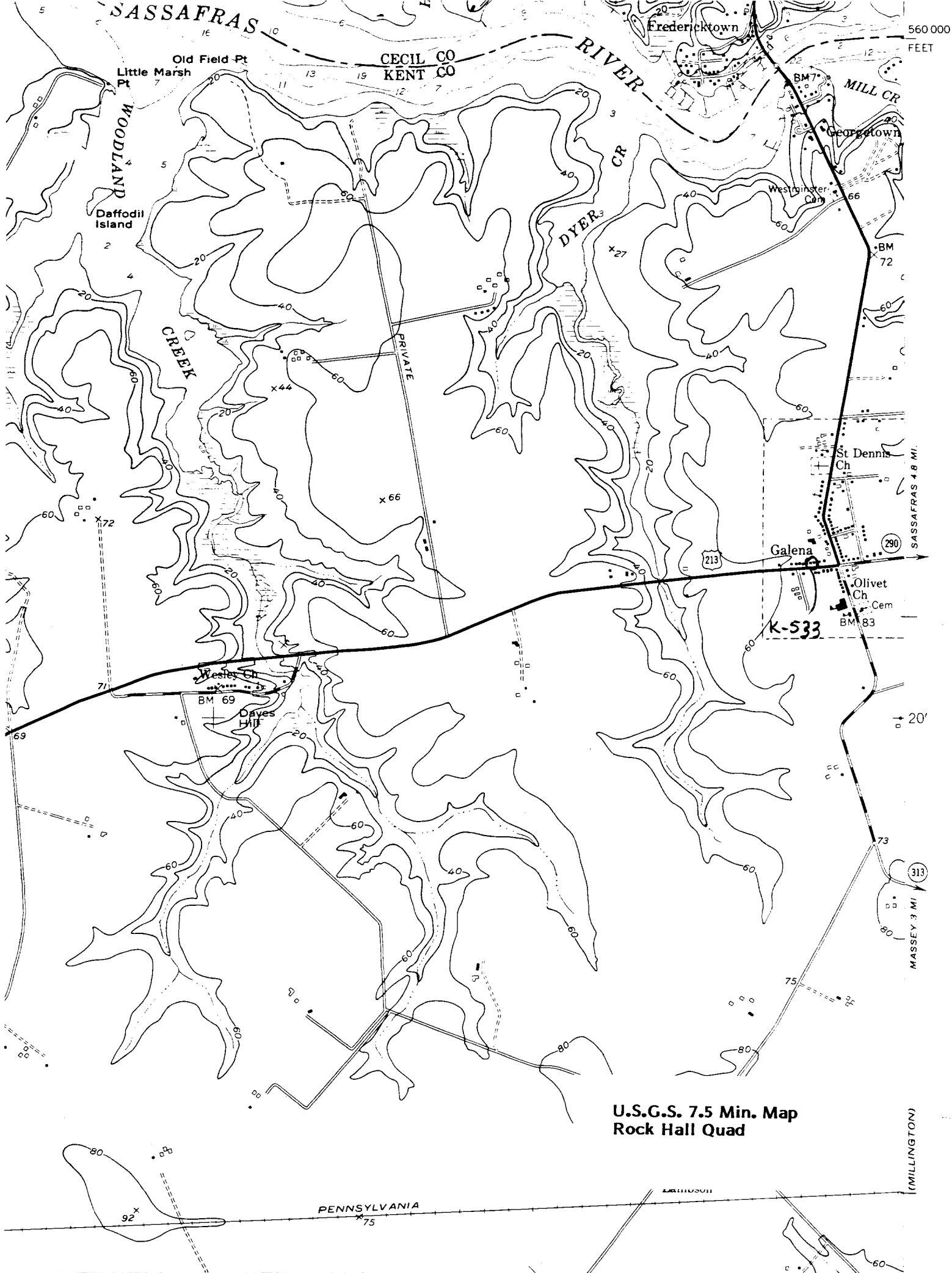
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